SENATE BILL 537 By Gresham

## **HOUSE BILL 567**

## By DeBerry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to high school diplomas for children in foster care.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

No LEA shall require any enrolling or transferring student, who is in grade ten (10) or higher and in the custody of the department of children's services or exiting its custody, to meet more than the minimum requirements for graduation set forth by the state board of education. The LEA shall issue a full diploma to any such student who meets the minimum requirements.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.